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MANUEL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF  
SPORTING, HUNTING, FISHING  
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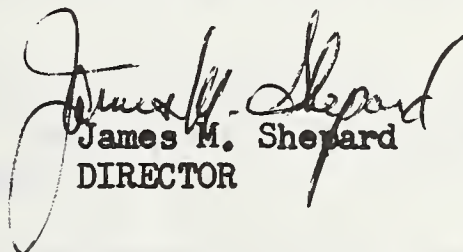
Dear City or Town Clerk:

Forwarded herewith is your 1971 manual for the issuance of sporting, hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. We trust that you will find it helpful. At the recommendation of the State Auditor there have been several changes made in the 1971 license forms. This year there will be six separate books for the following: a) fishing; b) hunting; c) sporting; d) miscellaneous fishing and trapping; e) non-resident and duplicate hunting and; f) free licenses. It is imperative that you issue the license from the correct book and it is important that you use up one book before you start another.

The basic format of this year's license has not changed. Again, there will be three parts -- 1. the original, going to the sportsmen; 2. the part-two duplicate which you retain; and 3. the part-three data processing card which must be returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game each month along with remittance.

Please do not hesitate to call or write the Division of Fisheries and Game, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass., c/o License Section if you require additional information.

Sincerely yours,

  
James M. Shepard  
DIRECTOR





GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF SPORTING, HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES FOR 1971

1971 licenses may be sold during December, 1970, but not before.

Each town and city clerk is responsible to the Commonwealth for all licenses sent to him. Call or write the Boston Office of the Division of Fisheries and Game, 100 Cambridge Street, (617, 727-3151), for more license books, if and when needed.

License Forms - Description

Forms 34A and 34D do not contain deer tags, and serve for all series of fishing and trapping licenses. Forms 34B, 34C and 34E will contain deer tags. The new forms fit the present plastic holders. Form 34F (free license) will have a deer tag which must be voided if a free fishing license is issued. Twenty-five licenses (in three parts) are in each book. CLERKS SHOULD PLAINLY WRITE THE NAME OF THEIR TOWN ON THE COVER OF EACH BOOK.

The form for making monthly remittances is the same as in the past. (See section on Remittances).

How to Use (Also see concise instructions printed on covers of license books)

THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED THAT CLERKS SELL LICENSES IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE IN EACH OF THE SIX BOOKS REGARDLESS OF INDIVIDUAL SERIES OF LICENSES. DO NOT SEGREGATE BOOKS TO KEEP EACH LICENSE SERIES WITHIN ONE BOOK. Do not start a new book of either of the six basic forms until the previous book of that form has been completely used up.

Please print plainly with ballpoint pen. Bear down hard so the carbons will be legible. Please print all information except when signature of license is needed.

Mark an "X" in the appropriate block of the multiple forms D, E and F to designate the license issued. Be sure to draw a continuous, straight line through the remaining blocks. (to the left and right of the "x" if situation warrants)

USE ONLY ONE BLOCK in making out multiple forms D, E and F. A license with more than one block checked is invalid. (See section on Voids).

CLERKS MAY ISSUE ONLY ONE KIND OF LICENSE PER FORM. If an applicant wishes fishing and trapping licenses, for example, he must have two separate forms.





The licensee will fill in the fee he paid for the license in the block provided under the certificate oath and sign.

On hunting and sporting license forms B, C, E, and F, a space is provided for the licensee to fill in his firearms I.D. number if he so desires. This is a protection to the licensee in the event that he should be apprehended in the field while carrying a firearm and had forgotten his I.D. card.

Duplicate fishing licenses will be sold under form D, (miscellaneous fishing) --see appropriate space--and duplicate hunting or sporting licenses will be sold under form E--see appropriate space. The lower portion of part 2 of the license is to be given to licensee and kept separate from his license. In the event that he loses his original license, he may present this portion to the City or Town Clerk and procure a duplicate license for the fee of 50¢.

The process of monthly remittance is unchanged. You simply return the cards with matching remittances as has been done in the past.

The original license is furnished to the applicant with a copy of the current "Abstracts of the Fish and Game Laws." DO NOT GIVE A LICENSE HOLDER UNLESS THE APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE ONE FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR.

If you make an error, void the license and issue the next number (See section on Voids.)

Licenses may be purchased in person, by mail or by agent of the applicant, in which case the license is not valid until signed by the licensee. Clerks may issue the license without the fee block and signature filled in, but should advise the applicant that this must be done to validate the license.

#### Use of Copies

The carbon copy or part two of the license certificate shall remain permanently in the license book to serve as your record until returned to the Division. Part three carbon copy which is a pre-punched data processing card must be returned with monthly remittances.

All license books shall be returned to the Division in January 1972. (See section on Annual Returns.)

#### Abstracts of Fish and Game Laws

The clerk shall give each licensee a copy of the current "Abstracts of the Fish and Game Laws;" a sufficient supply of which has been furnished to you.





## Alien -Hunting

All alien licenses will be issued through the Boston office. Aliens requesting information should be informed that they must obtain a permit to possess a gun prior to being approved for an alien license. Permits may be obtained from the Department of Public Safety, 1010 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

## Trapping

Trapping licenses included in book form D.

## Alien-Trapping

An alien is not entitled to a trapping license. The first naturalization papers do not meet the requirements of the statute, and a foreign-born resident must secure his final naturalization papers in order to become eligible for a trapping license.

## Annual Return of License Books

With reference to returning the stubs and licenses for auditing purposes, we quote a portion of Section 18, Chapter 131, General Laws: "Each such issuing officer shall within thirty days next succeeding January first in each year, return to the Director all license books received during the year preceding, including all stubs and void and unused licenses". As required by law, the package may be returned either by first class mail or outside the mails, before January 31, 1972. YOU MUST RETURN ALL UNSOLD ARCHERY STAMPS WITH LICENSE BOOKS.

## Minors

Minors under fifteen years of age cannot have a hunting license. A minor between fifteen and eighteen years of age may have a sporting or hunting license. All applications from minors fifteen to eighteen must be written and accompanied by the written consent of the parent or guardian, which shall be preserved for one year by the City or Town Clerk or the Director, as the case may be.

In addition thereto, every applicant must comply with one of the following three requirements:

1. A written statement that at all times when hunting or target shooting other than on a duly recognized range, said minor shall be accompanied by a person twenty-one years of age or older.
2. Evidence that said minor has held a license authorizing him to hunt in the State in a prior year.
3. A certificate of competency from a safety firearm course approved by the Division of Law Enforcement, if such minor has been a resident of this Commonwealth for at least six months and is a citizen of the United States.

The clerk shall check the appropriate box at the top of the license





(either 1, 2, or 3) to indicate which provision of law the minor complied with.

### Plastic Holders

Rules and regulations filed under the law require that the license be worn in a holder provided by the Division, on the outer clothing of every person while he is fishing, hunting or trapping. A suitable supply of holders has been delivered to your office.

ISSUE ONLY ONE HOLDER AND PIN TO EACH LICENSE APPLICANT. DO NOT ISSUE A HOLDER UNTIL THE LICENSE IS ISSUED. AN ADDITIONAL PLASTIC HOLDER MAY BE GIVEN ONLY WHEN A DUPLICATE LICENSE IS ISSUED. DO NOT ISSUE A HOLDER UNLESS APPLICANT DOES NOT HAVE ONE FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR.

Please instruct licensee regarding requirement that license be visibly worn on his person at all times while fishing, hunting or trapping.

Clerks may order additional supplies of holders and pins as needed.

### Remittances

Clerks are reminded that the law requires them to make their remittances on the first Monday of every month, to the Division of Fisheries and Game, Boston Office, for all licenses issued during the month preceding. In making remittances, CLERKS WILL DEDUCT TWENTY-FIVE CENTS (25¢) FOR EACH LICENSE ISSUED (except for duplicate and free licenses). Please return data processing cards with remittances. Voided licenses must be sent each month with remittances. SENDING CHECK FOR BALANCE. FEE OF TEN CENTS (10¢) IS ALLOWED FOR EACH ARCHERY STAMP ISSUED. Make checks payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. 1970 and 1971 licenses sold during December must be submitted on separate remittance blanks. List your serial numbers inclusively and the number of each series and voids in their designated columns.

### Sporting (Combination) Licenses

It is the policy of the Division that a person who buys a fishing or hunting license cannot subsequently in the year return such separate license and apply it as credit toward the sporting license, which permits both hunting and fishing. It would be helpful if you would remind those who apply for a separate license that they cannot expect any credit if they later desire a combined license, (so called sporting license).

The holder of series 15 (over 70-free) license should be informed that this also permits trapping. The new forms do not reflect this. NO OTHER sporting license permits trapping



### Voids

If a license is torn from the book and subsequently voided, a written statement must be made on the back of the license or stub giving the reason for doing so. All licenses must be LEGIBLE AND MADE OUT IN INK OF A PERMANENT CHARACTER.

If a mistake of any kind is made in filling out the license, it shall be voided, and both copies left in the book. The words "VOIDED-ERROR" shall be written across the face of the original and appear in carbon on the copy. (See section on Remittances). No erasures of any kind are permitted.

### Free Licenses

There are now four classes of free licenses: Class 15 for resident citizens over 70; Class 17-fishing (for recipients of Old Age Assistance, paraplegics, blind and mentally retarded.) NOTE: PERSONS ON SOCIAL SECURITY DO NOT QUALIFY AS RECEIVING OLD AGE ASSISTANCE. To qualify for mentally retarded, a person must show a certificate attesting to that effect signed by a duly-qualified physician, or a written statement from a public school official in the city or town in which such person resides indicating that such person has been classified as mentally retarded under section 46 of Chapter 71; Class 18-resident military (for persons in full time military or naval service of the United States and who are residents of the Commonwealth). NOTE: Before this license is issued, a military applicant must submit proof from his commanding officer or appropriate executive, that he is a resident of the Commonwealth; Class 19 (issued to paraplegics for hunting). This bill was recently enacted by the 1970 legislature.

### License Series -- Specific Instructions

#### Series 1--Resident Citizens Fishing - \$5.25

To be issued only to citizens of the United States whose legal residence in Massachusetts covers a period of at least six months preceding date of application, also to nonresident owners of real estate in the Commonwealth assessed for taxation at not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

#### Series 2 - Resident Citizens Hunting - \$5.25

As above.

#### Series 3 - Resident Citizens Sporting (Hunting and Fishing) - \$8.25

As above.





Series 4 - Resident Citizens Minor's Fishing - \$3.25

To be issued only to minors between the ages of 15 and 18 years, at the discretion of the City or Town Clerk.

Series 4A - Resident Citizens Women's Fishing - \$4.25

To be issued only to women who meet residency requirements or equivalent as above.

Series 5 - Resident Minor Trapping - \$3.25

To be issued only to minors between the ages of 15 and 18 years at the discretion of the City or Town Clerk. All applications from minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by written consent of parent or guardian.

Series 6 - Resident Citizens Trapping - \$8.75

To be issued only to those who meet residency requirements or equivalent as above.

Series 7 - Non-resident Citizens or Alien 7-day Fishing Licenses - \$5.25

To be issued only to citizens of the United States whose legal residence is not in Massachusetts, or to aliens. Clerk shall write and spell out on the face of the license above the name of the licensee, the inclusive and consecutive dates for which the license is valid as, for example: Sept. first-seventh.

Series 9 - Non-resident Citizens or Aliens Fishing - \$9.75

To be issued only to citizens of the United States whose legal residence is not in Massachusetts, or to aliens.

Series 10 - Non-resident Citizens Hunting - \$16.25

To be issued only to citizens of the United States who are not legal residents of Massachusetts, (alien hunting) must be issued through the Boston office.

Series 12 - Duplicate - \$0.50

To be issued only to persons who have accidentally lost or destroyed their original license. A space for this purpose is provided on license book forms D and E.

Applicant must appear at place of original issuance and clerk must verify purchase of original license. This can best be accomplished if the licensee retains the stub (bottom of part 2) which the clerk issued him with his original license. Clerk will check the box for Series 12 in the appropriate section on the new license to designate Fishing, Trapping, Sporting or Hunting.

Series 15 - Resident Citizens Sporting and Trapping - Free

To be issued only to citizens of the United States who meet the





residency or equivalent requirements as previously described, and who produce satisfactory proof of having reached the age of seventy year.

Series 17 - Resident Citizen Old Age Assistance, paraplegic or Blind Fishing - Free

To be issued only to citizens of the United States whose legal residence in Massachusetts covers a period of at least six months next preceding date of application, and who are recipients of Old Age Assistance under Chapter One Hundred and Eighteen A, blind or mentally retarded. (To qualify for mentally retarded see section on Free Licenses) Clerks must obtain satisfactory proof that the applicant currently receives Old Age Assistance.

Series 18 - Resident Military - Free

See Section on Free Licenses.

Series 19 - Paraplegics Hunting - Free

See Section on Free Licenses - (New law enacted in 1970 Legislature - Chapter 732, Acts of 1970).











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